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## EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE REPORTED LOST ON NORTHERN FRONT



Entrusted by Haile Selassie with the organization of an Ethiopian Red Cross unit, Major Gerald A. Burgoine, 62-year-old Englishman, was killed when Italian planes bombed his unit last month.

### TURKISH ACTION? TREATY MAY BE REPUDIATED

Dardanelles May Be Re-Fortified

"NO OTHER COURSE OPEN"

Istanbul, To-day.  
Hints that Turkey may repudiate the clauses of the Treaty of Lausanne with regard to the demilitarization of the Straits if it cannot achieve the same end by negotiation are contained in a message from Ankara, stating that in view of the recent changes in the general security conditions in Europe and Germany's and Austria's repudiation of the military stipulations of the peace treaties, the responsible Turkish circles maintain that the remilitarization of the Dardanelles is most essential to Turkey's existence.  
It is added that despite Turkey's genuine desire to respect her engagements she must use all means to achieve the modification of the regime of the Straits and the fortification of Gallipoli.—Reuter.

### SOVIET-OUTER MONGOL PACT

Japan Shows Her Concern

SITUATION BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

Shanghai, To-day.  
The Soviet-Outer Mongol pact is deeply exercising Tokyo and Hsinking. A spokesman of the Foreign Office at Hsinking describes it as an act of brigandage tantamount to the absorption of Outer Mongolia by the Soviet.  
Meanwhile the Japanese Consul-General at Nanking has, according to a Japanese report, urged upon General Chang Chun the necessity for the full assertion of China's rights. The Consul-General said that Japan was closely watching Nanking's attitude.  
General Chang Chun assured him that no secret Sino-Russian undertaking existed and that, combined with the Chinese protest, is expected to mollify the Japanese opinion, which has interpreted the silence of Nanking hitherto as evidence of such an understanding.—Reuter.

### TORNADO HAVOC IN AMERICA

#### SERIOUS FLOODS ADD TO DESOLATION

DEATH ROLL EXCEEDS 500

Atlanta, Georgia, To-day.  
Serious floods now menace the areas devastated by Monday's terrible tornadoes. The rivers in Georgia and North and South Carolina, swollen by 24 hours' ceaseless rains, have overflowed their banks in many places.

Some 454 bodies of victims of the tornadoes have so far been discovered, mostly at Tupelo and Gainsville. About 1,800 persons have been seriously injured and 22,000 rendered homeless. The damage is estimated at \$25,000,000. The Red Cross headquarters at Washington have appealed for relief funds for the victims.

Soldiers are patrolling the streets of the stricken towns and militia, convicts and relief workers are removing the debris and restoring the water and lighting services.—Reuter.

### PLANE CRASH IN U.S.

Eleven People Killed Instantly

"GRAVEYARD" CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS

Union Town, Penn., To-day.  
Eleven people were killed instantly when a trans-Continental Western air liner crashed into the hillside at Dulany's Cave in the district known by pilots as "The Graveyard of the Alleghenies," owing to the many crashes which have occurred in the deep ravines there. The three survivors include Mrs. Meyer Ellenstein, wife of the Mayor of Newark, who was injured.

The plane caught fire and rescuers fought in pitch darkness and a raging blizzard to drag the bodies from the wreckage. Officials of the Trans-Continental line state that reports indicated that the radio of the machine had not been functioning accurately.—Reuter.

### FORGED NOTES

Wholesale Traffic In Canton

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.  
In view of the discovery of forgers' plants manufacturing false Hong Kong banknotes, merchants here are studying the counterfeit money and its difference from genuine notes. New banknotes of the Hong Kong banks are examined with great care before acceptance, for fear that they may turn out to be false.

It is believed that only a small amount of the spurious notes were circulated, as the two hauls yielded paper money to the value of \$160,000 and \$100,000 respectively. Their selling prices are said to be 40 per cent. of their face value. The forgers intended to circulate the counterfeit notes in Canton, owing to their general use in all circles.

### "PHILIPPINE CLIPPER" LEAVES

Manila, To-day. — The Pan-American Airways "Philippine Clipper" left for Alameda at 1:13 a.m. to-day after an enforced stay at Manila of 31 days, owing to engine trouble.—Reuter.

### BOMB OUTRAGE IN MEXICO

Nine People Killed In Wrecked Train

Mexico City, To-day.

Nine persons have been killed and many seriously injured as the result of the wrecking of two pullman cars of a train traveling between the port of Vera Cruz and Mexico City. A bomb exploded when the engine passed over it.

It is believed that the crime is political, as Colonel Hernandez Chazaro, a candidate for the Governorship of the State of Vera Cruz, was aboard the train.—Reuter.

### U.S. HELP FOR CHINA

Aid In Managing New Currency

New York, To-day.

It is learned that Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, will confer with three Chinese bankers, Mr. K. P. Chen, a director of the Bank of China, Mr. Y. C. Koo and Mr. P. W. Kuo. The conversations are believed to concern the extent to which the United States is willing to help China in the management of the new currency.

Thus far there has been no intention of the Chinese to attempt to negotiate additional silver sales or the earmarking of gold here.—Reuter.

### MANOEUVRES IN BRITAIN

Combined Exercises Arranged

London, To-day.

Combined manoeuvres of the army and navy are being arranged at Milford-on-sea, Hampshire, according to an announcement by Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Secretary of State for War, in the House of Commons yesterday. Air Force units will also co-operate in army exercises between July and October.—Reuter.



Four years' imprisonment was the sentence meted out to Dr. Hermann Goetz, a middle-aged German lawyer, at Old Bailey, where he was found guilty of espionage. Goetz was accused of sketching secret British aerodromes.



Dr. Kamil Krofta, newly-appointed Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, is snapped at his desk in Prague after taking up his duties. He succeeded Dr. Edouard Benes, now President of Czechoslovakia.

### UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN EUROPE

MOST EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS LEFT PUZZLED

Geneva, To-day.  
The meeting of the Committee of Thirteen scheduled to take place to-day will be the first to take place in the new League of Nations Palace. The delegates will meet in the office of the Secretary-General, which seems to indicate that it is desired to keep the negotiations under cover as much as possible.

### ILLEGAL LAND LEASES

Clearing Up Question In Philippines

ALLEGED THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF OFFICIAL

Manila, To-day.

It is rumoured from Davao that threats are being made against the life of the Secretary for Agriculture and commerce in view of his efforts to clear up the question of the land-leases illegally held by Japanese hemp farmers.

The Secretary for Agriculture and Commerce, accompanied by the Secretaries of the Interior and Justice, went to Davao yesterday to join President Quezon in an attempt to settle the situation.

Meanwhile three solutions are being discussed in official circles:—(1) That the Government should purchase the lands held by the Japanese; (2) to eject the Japanese; and (3), to allow the Japanese time to wind up their affairs at Davao, after which the Government will take over control of the lands. The Japanese investments in Davao are estimated at \$6,000,000 pesos.

The third solution is held to be the most likely. The Japanese will be allowed to cultivate the lands till the leases expire, after which the Government will assume control and dispose of the property as it thinks fit. During the interim the Government will receive part of the income derived from the lands.—Reuter.

### FLAMES IN "TRICOLOUR" EXTINGUISHED

San Francisco, To-day. — The flames in the Tricolour have been extinguished.—Reuter.

### CROWN PRINCE IN RESCUE PARTY

ARMED BRIGANDS KILL STRAGGLERS

RELENTLESS ITALIAN ADVANCE ALONG ROADS OF DEATH

Rome, To-day.

"Where is the Negus?" is the question observers on the northern front are asking to-day. It is presumed that he abandoned the motor-car which the Italians found on the roadside because he feared that it would attract the attention of bombing planes, and that he is travelling to the south on muleback.

The Crown Prince is moving north from Dessie with 2,000 men to find and protect his father. It is asserted here that the protection is necessary owing to the danger of armed brigands, who are said to be killing and plundering the routed troops of the Negus, whose bombed and machine-gunned corpses strew the route south of Quorom to such an extent that the advancing Italian troops have to tell off burial parties to clear the way.

South of Quorom the Italians are advancing in two columns, one along the "Imperial Way" to Dessie and the other towards Magdala. It is claimed that Abyssinian soil half the size of Britain is now in Italian hands.—Reuter.

Rome: The last of the Abyssinian rear-guards were dispersed on Monday, according to a war communique issued yesterday by Marshal Badoglio.

An Addis Ababa message states that a proclamation calling to the colours all Ethiopians capable of military service was issued from the palace yesterday afternoon.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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### PREMIER IN A DUEL

Goemboes Challenged By Deputy

NO BLOODSHED AND NO RECONCILIATION

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Budapest, To-day.

The long-smouldering quarrel between the Premier, Dr. Goemboes, and his bitter political opponent, Herr Tibor von Eckhardt, former Hungarian delegate to the League of Nations, led to a pistol duel on Monday, which took place in the woods outside Budapest. The duel, however, ended without bloodshed, both of the combatants being unhurt, and parting unrecalled.

This duel was the outcome of an altercation which occurred during a session of the parliamentary foreign committee. The quarrel must have taken on a personal turn, as Herr Tibor von Eckhardt had in a previous speech fully endorsed Dr. Goemboes' foreign policy. In his home policy, however, Herr Tibor von Eckhardt is Dr. Goemboes' most bitter enemy, accusing him of trying to break the 1,000-year-old Hungarian Constitution and setting up a Fascist dictatorship.

Within the past year the Premier has more than once been challenged to a duel, but the affairs, which included one with the ex-Premier, Count Bethlen, were always settled amicably, although Dr. Goemboes is an expert swordsman and a crack shot.

A poignant aspect of this duel is that dwelling in Hungary is a criminal offence, doubly so for Dr. Goemboes in his capacity as Prime Minister, while on the other hand as Minister of War he is compelled by the officers' code of honour to accept any challenge or to be ostracised.—Trans-Ocean Service would not be affected.

### WHEAT FOR ITALY

HUGE CASH SALE TRANSACTED

Leakage In Italian Resources

ECUADOR STOPS SANCTIONS

London, To-day.

A spotlight on the effect of sanctions was seen yesterday in the news of the sale of two cargoes amounting to about 500,000 bushels of Australian wheat to Italy. Since it is forbidden under sanctions to grant credit it is presumed that the sellers received spot cash, thus indicating a further leakage point in the Italian monetary resources.

Moreover the fact that the purchases are made at all is significant in view of the recent official pronouncement that Italy had enough wheat to meet the home requirements until the new crop was harvested.

Geneva: It is reported that the Government of Ecuador on April 4 informed the Italian Government that as it had accepted the principle to negotiate for a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, the Government of Ecuador no longer proposed to apply sanctions against Italy.—Reuter.

### SABOTAGE ON U.S. SHIPS

Report Of Enquiry Denied

Washington, To-day.

The report that a sabotage investigation is pending or proceeding has been categorically denied by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce.—Reuter.

An earlier message said that the Washington correspondent of the New York Times stated that recent cases of sabotage aboard American ships, mainly by foreign-born crews, had caused President Roosevelt to instruct the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Henry Wallace, to open an investigation. The names of the ships were being kept secret for the present in order that the passenger business of the lines involved be not affected.







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## Company Meetings

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,  
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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIRST Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th April, 1936, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st, October, 1935.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 11th day of April to Friday the 17th day of April, 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
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Hong Kong, 4th April, 1936.

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By Order.

S. A. SLEAP,  
Actg. Secretary.  
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(Continued from Col. 4)

Songs—  
La Paloma—The Dove (Yradier)  
La Golondrina—The Swallow  
(Mexican Air)  
Emilio de Gogorza (Baritone).

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03 p.m.—George Scott-Wood and his Piano Accordion.  
Lulu's Back in Town.  
In a Little Gipsy Tea Room.

Stars over Devon.  
Speak to me of love.

The Big Broadcast of 1936—Selection.

Top Hat—Selection.

8.25 p.m.—Song Memories.

Violet Lorraine Medley.

Tom Costello in Song Memories.

Drury Lane Pantomime Memories.

Hermann Lohr.

There is a Tavern in the Town.

9 p.m.—"In a Fairy Realm Suite" (Kisselbey).

9.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Renter).

9.30 p.m.—Jazz on Two Pianos.

10 p.m.—Big Ben.

10 p.m.—The Mills Brothers.

Miss Otis Regrets.

My Headache.

Lazybones.

Narrasuki.

10.13 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.

Kohala March.

Honolulu March.

On the Beach at Waikiki.

File Hawaii.

All Through the Night—Waltz.

On a Little Street in Honolulu—Waltz.

10.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

## BRIDGE NOTES

OPENING SUIT  
BIDS

By Ely Culbertson

After a beginner has thoroughly familiarised himself with "biddable suit" requirements, he is ready to take up the next vitally important step in bidding technique.

The possession of a biddable suit does not, in itself, justify an opening bid. In addition, the hand must contain a certain minimum number of honour tricks, which may be in the bid suit or in side suits. An opening suit one bid requires:

Three honour tricks with any minimum biddable suit.  
Two and one-half honour tricks with any rebiddable suit.

These requirements apply to all four positions—first, second, third, or fourth hand; vulnerable or not vulnerable.

When a hand contains more than one biddable suit, the higher ranking (as spades are higher ranking than hearts) should be bid first. Where two biddable suits are of different lengths, the longer should be bid first. For example, holding:

Spade A J 6 2, Heart A K 10 3, Diamond 7 5 3 2, Club 8 5, the proper opening bid is one spade, not one heart. Holding:

Spade A Q 10 8 6, Heart 2, Diamond K 9 7 4 3 2, Club 8, the proper opening bid is one diamond, because of its greater length.

There are a few exceptions to this rule which may be somewhat confusing unless the reasons for their existence are clearly grasped.

With a hand such as:  
Spade A Q 10 8, Heart 6 2, Diamond 8 5 3, Club A Q 10 6, an opening bid of one club will make the future course of bidding easier for both partners. A club bid makes it possible for partner to bid one diamond or one heart, and then the spade suit also can be shown at the one level.

With such a disparity of high card strength as in the following holding:

Spade A K Q 10 6, Heart K 6, Diamond 8 7 5 4 3 2, Club none, a spade bid, rather than a diamond, should be made.

To-day's hand is a bidding exposition, rather than a problem of play. South, by his failure to start the bidding properly, found himself in a bad three spade contract, whereas the correct opening bid would have kept him at the one level.

Both sides vulnerable.  
South, dealer.

S—8 5 2  
H—A Q 9 6 3  
D—7 5 4  
C—5 4

S—Q 193 N—S—7 6  
H—J 7 W—E—K 10 5 4  
D—A Q 9 S—D—K J 10 6  
C—K 9 3 2 C—10 8 7

S—A K 10 4  
H—8 2  
D—8 3 2  
C—A Q J 6

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1S Pass 2H Pass  
3C Pass 3S Pass  
Pass Double (final bid)

Opening lead, Heart jack by West.

South had his first bid to thank for the mess in which he found himself. A moment's thought would have shown him how to keep the bidding within bounds, namely, to start with a club bid and, over any response from his partner except one no trump, to show the spade suit at the one level. Thus, the bidding should have been:

SOUTH NORTH

1C 1H

1S Pass

In the play of the hand, there was no way to avoid the loss of seven tricks—three diamonds, two spades, one heart, and one club.

A penalty of 1,100 points instead of 100 (since one spade would not have been doubled).

PLAYING FIELD TREES

A legacy from an old boy of Loye School, Cambridge, has been spent on planting about 1,000 trees round two sides of the new playing field.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin  
Recorded Programme  
12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Orchestral Music.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—A Recital by Hildegarde (Soprano) and Carroll Gibbons (Piano).

1.30 p.m.—Renter Press Bulletin, Rugby Press News, Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Musical Comedy Excerpts.

2 p.m.—Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Egmont Overture (Beethoven).

Kazemni-Ostrow, Op. 10, No. 22 (Rubinstein).

Hearts and Flowers—Intermezzo (Tobani).

Glow Worm Idyll (Kincke).

Irish Rhapsody (Herbert).

7.30 p.m.—Concert Items.

Songs—

I know of Two Bright Eyes.

I'll sing thee Songs of Araby Ben Davies (Tenor).

Pianoforte Solos—

Pierrette (Chaminade)

Dance Creole (Chaminade)

Una Bourne.

Song—

Down Vauxhall Way (Oliver)

Mavis Bennett (Soprano).

Violin Solos—

La Clochette (Paganini).

The Dance of the Goblins (Bazzini) ..... Alfredo Rode.

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# Sporting Page



## PAUL KONG GIVES DAZZLING DISPLAY AGAINST CHAMPION



Mr. C. J. Tacchi, above, was in the Chair at the meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association yesterday for the first time since he was elected President of the H.K.L.B.A.

### WALTER NEUSEL SIGNED UP FOR TWO CONTESTS

#### TO FIGHT IN JUNE AND AUGUST

#### LEN HARVEY DESIRES TO ENCOUNTER GERMAN

(By "LEIGHTON")

London, March 20. Walter Neusel, the German heavy-weight, has been signed up for two fights in the open-air in London during the summer.

His contract stipulates a fight in June, and in the event of victory he will be called upon for another bout in August.

These facts were revealed by Manager Paul Damski yesterday, but he added that the question of Neusel's first opponent could not yet be decided.

#### Will Meet Winner

It is obvious that Petersen is one of the men in mind, but until the Welshman has negotiated the Jock McAvoy hurdle next month, it would not be wise to announce a definite match.

Len Harvey will soon return to take his place among the leading heavy-weights, and he makes no secret of his desire for another meeting with the German.

Neusel will come to London from Paris to see his stable companions, Bob Olin and Erich Seelig, in action, at the Albert Hall on April 2, and intends to stay in England as long as he is permitted afterwards.

### HO KA-LAU GOES NORTH

#### Prominent Local Tennis Ace

Ho Ka-lau, Interport lawn tennis player and twice champion of the Chinese Recreation Club, left the Colony for Shanghai yesterday, where he hopes to take up a new business appointment.

Well-known for his cheerful disposition, he will be missed by most tennis players in the Colony, but his absence will be more keenly felt at Causeway Bay, where he was a prominent member of the C. R. C. League tennis team.

In 1928 he made his debut in the local championships and has participated ever since, with the exception of this year. He was a member of the Colony's 1931 Interport tennis team and played in the Doubles with Yew Man-Kit, but without success. In 1934 he captained the first Colony side to visit Indo-China and, with Tsui Wai-pui and Tam Yee-fong, recorded a notable triumph.

He has reached the semi-finals of the Open Singles on several occasions and was twice in the final of the Doubles, first with Paul Kong in 1930 and later with W. C. Hung, last year.

### OPENING DAY FOR BOWLS SEASON

#### COUNCIL DECIDES ON APRIL 25

#### SAME EVENTS AS LAST SEASON

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association last evening, it was decided that the season be officially opened on Saturday April 25, and also that the same open competitions as last year be held this season. The following were elected to serve on the sub-committee, together with the President and Hon. Secretary, to control all the competitions: Messrs. F. X. da Silva, F. V. Jones, E. el Arculli and J. V. Ramsay.

There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the Open Pairs competition, as there was a suggestion that all the preliminary rounds be decided on 15 heads instead of 21 heads as in previous seasons, while the semi-finals and final be played over 21 heads. It was finally agreed that the matter be referred to the various clubs, and if the general opinion was in favour of 15 heads the matter would then be discussed again by the Council.

The meeting decided that as a mark of appreciation of their efforts, members of the Hong Kong team who won the Esplan Cup at the Wansstead Club last year, will be presented with the Association's "League Badge."

Speaking of the matches at Home this year, the chairman said that there would be a number of local bowlers in England this summer and that, with the approval of the meeting, he would ask the Hon. Secretary to write to Mr. H. Beer, formerly of Craigengower Cricket Club, and ask him to take over the duties of Secretary and Captain of the Hong Kong team.

The Hon. Secretary then explained that Mr. Beer had suggested, before leaving the Colony, that Mr. R. W. Bradbury be asked to captain the local side. The meeting decided that Mr. Beer be asked to act as both Hon. Secretary and Captain, but if he so desired, he could hand over the reins of captaincy to Mr. Bradbury.

#### League Entries

League entries for the current season are as follows:—

First Division: Kowloon Docks, Club de Recreo, K.B.G.C., K.C.C., Tai Koo R.C., Indian R.C., Police R.C., Craigengower "A" and "B", and C.S.C.C.

Second Division: K.B.G.C., K.C.C., Club de Recreo, Hong Kong Electric, R.C., H.K. Football Club "A" and "B", Yacht Club Craigengower, Police R.C. and C.S.C.C.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. C. J. Tacchi (President), C. B. Hoising (Hon. Secretary), R. Bass, F. Jones, J. Fraser, J. Lumy, V. Ramsay, E. J. Edwards, B. E. Manghan, P. X. da Silva, E. el Arculli, W. Mair, A. O. Madar, S. Deacon, G. Costello and S. Woollock.

#### League Fixtures

The fixtures for the opening day and the following Saturday are as follows:—

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

First Division  
Club de Recreo v Civil Service  
Kowloon B.G.C. v Indian R.C.  
Kowloon C.C. v Craigengower "A"  
Craigengower "B" v Police R.C.  
Kowloon Docks v Tai Koo R.C.

Second Division  
Craigengower v Kowloon B.G.C.  
Civil Service v Club de Recreo  
H.K.F.C. "A" v Kowloon C.C.  
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#### SATURDAY, MAY 2

First Division  
Civil Service v Kowloon B.G.C.  
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Indian R.C. v Kowloon Docks

Second Division  
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Kowloon C.C. v Police R.C.  
H.K.F.C. "B" v Yacht Club  
H.K. Electric v Craigengower



Max Schmeling, left, who is seen above in a clash with Walter Neusel for the German heavy-weight boxing championship last year, will meet Joe Louis, the sensational "Brown Bomber" in June next, for the right to clash with James J. Braddock, the present holder, for the world's heavy-weight boxing title.

### LOUIS TO MEET SCHMELING ON JUNE 29

#### Actual Venue Not Yet Decided Upon

London, March 20.—The world heavy-weight title eliminating bout between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling is to be held in New York on June 29.

The actual site of the match has not yet been fixed.

### VOLUNTEERS TO MEET ARMY

#### Soccer Match For Good Friday

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have selected a fairly strong eleven to meet the Army in their annual soccer encounter which will take place on the Hong Kong Football Club ground next Friday afternoon commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.V.D.C.: Spr. W. Fogwell (Engineers); Spr. G. Everest (Engineers) and P. V. A. Costa (Infantry); Gnr. A. Hussain (Battery); Pte. K. W. Farrow (M.G. Coy.) and Spr. J. M. Boyd (Engineers); L/Cpl. B. T. Gosano (Infantry); Gnr. D. J. Leonard (Battery); Pte. G. J. White (No. 3 Coy.); Gnr. E. L. Strange (Battery) and Gnr. B. I. Bickford (Battery) (Captain).

Reserves: J. Willis (M.G. Coy.), E. J. Silva (Infantry), W. Knox (M.G. Coy.) and E. C. Drown (M.G. Coy.).

Linesman: Pte. V. White (M.G. Coy.).  
Mr. H. F. Scrutton R.N., of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, has kindly offered to referee the match.

### BUTCHER BOY WINS BIG MONEY PRIZE

Honolulu, March 27. Gett Lee, 560-a-month butcher, informed he had won \$50,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes when Bachelor Prince finished third in the Grand National Steeplechase, dropped his cleaver and ran from the shop. He has not been seen since.—United Press.

### FINCHER MAY BEAT LAI KWONG-TSUN

#### Pagh v. MacDougall In Club Championship

(By "BASE-LINE")

Teddy Fincher, who has reached the Final of the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship on three occasions, stands a very good chance of entering the Semi-Final Round of the 1936 series this afternoon when he meets Lai Kwong-tsun, the Canton hard-court champion.

Fincher is playing as well this year as he has ever done, but he is slower on the court and may find himself in difficulties when faced with Lai's clever drop shots. In a base-line duel Fincher should win.

A "marathon" match is expected when M. Pagh, the prominent K.C.C. player, meets D. MacDougall of the Civil Service C.C. for right of entry into the Final Round of the Hong Kong Cricket Club's Lawn Tennis Singles Championship. Either player is capable of winning, but Pagh is likely to start favourite.

The following is to-day's programme at the H.K.C.C., commencing at 4.45 p.m.:—

Open Singles (Fourth Round)  
E. C. Fincher v Lai Kwong-tsun (Stand Court).

Club Championship (Semi-Final)  
M. Pagh v D. MacDougall.

Club Handicap Doubles (Third Round)  
J. and G. Rodger (4/6) v A. C. L. Bowler and H. J. Armstrong (2/6).

H. E. McGilchrist and H. L. Tudor (4/6) v B. O'M. Deane and G. E. R. Divett (1/5) v H. R. Butters and D. MacDougall (4/6).

### TWO SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES THIS AFTERNOON

There are two First Division League football matches down for decision this afternoon, South China "A" meeting the East Leams, at Caroline Hill, while Kowloon will entertain the Navy on their own ground.

### PLUCKY FIGHT BY EAST LANCES.

#### Punjabis Extended In Hockey Tourney

The Punjabis beat the East Lanes, by a goal to nil, after extra time, in the Semi-Final Round of the Large Units Hockey Tournament yesterday.

The losers failed to take advantage of two penalty bullets awarded them during a very fast and clean encounter.

The Punjabis will meet the H.K.S.R.A. in the Final on the Marina ground to-morrow at 4 p.m.

#### RADIO HOCKEY FIXTURE THIS AFTERNOON

The Radio hockey eleven to meet the Royal Engineers in their first division Mamak hockey fixture on the Radio ground at 5 p.m. this afternoon will be selected from the following 14 players:—Man Singh, A. E. P. Guest, J. S. Grewal, L. B. Kitchell, Jangeer Singh, J. M. Tavares, M. H. Hassan, Jaggeet Singh, Surjit Singh, D. Leonard, Sarnagat Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Kalwant Singh, and F. A. Kemp (Capt.).

### HELTHER SKELTER DESTROYED

#### Old Favourite At The Valley

Owing to lameness Helter Skelter, one of the best subs. of the 1932 season, was destroyed at the Jockey Club stables yesterday. Helter Skelter had won \$7,705 in stake money, its best races being won under Mr. Johnny Heard.

Another pony which had to be destroyed for the same reason was Mrs. T. E. Pearce's Trowbridge, a grey griffin of 1935. This pony was started four times last year but failed to secure even a place.

### Golf Professional's Interesting Experiment

A golf professional in Kentucky holds the view that golf can be mastered in six months, by devoting two hours a day on six days a week for that period. To test his contention, nine men selected from all classes of the community, whose average scores in play hovered from 94 to 105, are taking a course under his instruction. Starting with half an hour's physical exercises, they work indoors or out, according to the weather, two on woods, two on long irons, two on short irons, and three on putting.

A whistle sounded every 20 minutes sends them to a change-over of clubs, so that each student gets work on all clubs. On Fridays they check up their progress by playing 18 holes. All the progress of the experiment are to be given.

### RUMJAHN LUCKY TO WIN

#### BRILLIANT PASSING SHOTS

### CHAMPION CHANGES TACTICS AND THEN BEATS EXHAUSTED OPPONENT

(By "Base-Line")

PAUL KONG, veteran Chinese Davis Cup player, played brilliant tennis yesterday at the H.K.C.C. to extend Sirdar Rumjahn, the holder, to 2-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship.

At times he gave an inspired exhibition, and when he secured a 3-1 lead in the final set it looked as if there was going to be another major upset. Lack of stamina, and that only, however, caused his downfall after he had saved one match point.

Rumjahn was passed time and again with ridiculous ease when he attempted to storm the net and it was only a belated change of tactics against a very tired and less staid opponent that saw him win by the narrowest possible margin. As against J. Tavares in an earlier round, he was lucky to win.

Kong, of whom no one thought much following an uncommonly easy entry into the last eight, showed perfect control on both hands, the majority of his shots being within inches of the base-line, while his volleying was quite as good as anything seen in this year's series. He was, however, uncertain overhead and was again apt to be careless when presented with a perfect opening.

Rumjahn was kept on the move throughout as the result of perfectly placed base-line shots, but he was always safer away from the net—I was again given reason to believe that his eyes are not nearly as good as they once were. He played a lion-hearted game, despite having all the luck against him, but I very much doubt whether he will retain his crown against the challenge of Tsui Wai-pui, H. D. Rumjahn, Teddy Fincher or Lai Kwong-tsun. At the conclusion of the match Kong could hardly walk off the court—in the ninth game of the final set he put his finger out.

#### Yesterday's Results

Open Singles (Fourth Round)  
S. A. Rumjahn (holder), beat Paul Kong 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)  
G. W. Sewell and H. J. Armstrong (15/2) beat E. Butcher and A. T. Lay (1/5) 7-5, 6-2.

Club Handicap Singles (Fourth Round)  
M. Pagh (15/2) beat V. E. Gordon (sec.) 6-2, 7-5.

W. P. Lucy (3/6) beat A. D. Humphreys (4/6) 4-6, 6-4.

A. C. L. Bowler (sec.) beat J. Thompson (+1/6) 6-4, 9-7 (Third Round).

### MEN'S DOUBLES BADMINTON

#### Recreio Junior Lose To Saint's Senior

Club de Recreo juniors were defeated by 5 games, to 4 by St. Andrew's seniors in the Men's Doubles Badminton League at the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night.

A. S. Bliss and M. Weil (St. Andrew's "A") lost to H. A. Barros and N. Beltrao 17-21.

lost to B. Gosano and J. Goncalves 17-21.

lost to A. E. Xavier and Remedios 15-21.

E. F. Fletcher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A") beat Barros and Beltrao 21-9.

beat Gosano and Goncalves 21-1.

beat Xavier and Remedios 21-4.

E. H. Wong and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's "A") lost to Barros and Beltrao 10-21.

beat Gosano and Goncalves 21-15.

beat Xavier and Remedios 21-8.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P W L F A Pts  
Eliot Hall "A" 20 19 1 128 16 38

Recreio "A" 19 18 1 120 24 36

St. Andrew's "A" 21 16 5 202 78 32

C. R. C. 19 14 5 111 45 28

Eliot Hall "B" 17 12 5 83 43 22

Recreio "B" 18 10 8 77 49 20

St. John's 19 9 10 87 30 13

Fire Brigade 18 4 14 49 95 8

V. L. C. 20 3 17 39 106 6

Kowloon Tong 21 3 19 49 104 6

S. and S. Home 19 1 15 34 148 2

### WORLD AQUATIC MARK EQUALLED BY PETER FICK

#### 100 Yards Free Style In 51 Seconds

### SENSATIONAL PERFORMANCES IN N.A.A.U. MEET

Chicago, April 2.

Cutting through the water at tremendous speed, Peter Fick, of New York, equalled the fastest competitive 100-yard free style in history here to-night.

The New York entrant amazed the great crowd attending the national Amateur Athletic Union championships when, in the semi-final heat of the 100-yards free style, he was officially clocked at 51 seconds flat.

The same time for the same event, a world's record, was chalked up for the first time at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in June 1927 by the sensational Johnny Weissmuller, at that time representing the Illinois A.C.

#### More Records Fall

Three other records have been shattered during the present AAU meet. They are:

Women's 100-yards free style, Claudia Echert, Chicago, 1:22.2, a new senior women's AAA record.

300-yard medley event for women, Katherine Rawls, of Miami Beach, Fla., 4:46.3, new American and NUU records.

Other records fell as the meet proceeded.

In the 150-Yard backstroke event Adolph Kiefer, of Chicago, chalked up a new world mark when he crossed the finish line in 1:32.7.

#### And More Fall

In the 400 Yards free style event for women the Washington A.C., team of Seattle was the winner in 4:13.4, a new American record.

The 200 Yards individual medley was won by John Higgins, of Providence, R. I. He established a new meet record with a time of 3:28.7.

Katherine Rawls, the speed merchant from Miami Beach, won the 100 Yards breast stroke in 1:18.6. She beat both the meet and the American records for the event.—Associated Press.



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## YAMAGISHI STILL OCCUPIES TOP POSITION

Japan's Tennis Rankings  
For 1935

Jiro Yamagishi, who has borne the brunt of Japan's Davis Cup tennis campaigns for two years, has been given the No. 1 spot in Japan's national rankings for 1935. He also was rated at the top a year ago.

Ranked behind Yamagishi who defeated Roderich Menzel in Japan's national championships last autumn, were Shunsuke Hirai of Keio University and Yasumine Kuramitsu of Kansai University. Jiro Fujikura, member of the 1935 Davis Cup team, was ranked fourth.

## HOLIDAY CRICKET K.C.C. To Play The Services

The Kowloon Cricket Club will meet Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite's Services eleven in a two-day match on Friday and Saturday, commencing at 11 a.m. on both days on the Kowloon C.C. ground.

The following will represent Lieut. Garthwaite's eleven:

Lieut. C. C. Garthwaite (Army), Capt. L. J. Walsh (Army), Capt. D. W. Perse (Army), Lieut. J. P. Williams (Army), Lieut. E. M. Dawson, Lieut. H. de B. Pritchard (Army), Lieut. G. V. Prowse (Navy), Lieut. M. R. Branwell (Navy), Lieut. R. A. H. Bartley (Navy), Lieut. K. J. Harper (Navy) and Lieut. F. D. Howie (Navy).

The umpire will be Lieut. the Hon. G. E. Clegg-Hill and the scorer Lieut. D. K. Buchanan-Dunlop.

## BROTHERS AGAINST BROTHERS

Interesting Golf  
Challenge Match

"SIXSOME" SUGGESTED  
BUT IMPROBABLE

(By "FAIR FIELD")  
London, March 1.

Another interesting golf challenge match has been arranged. This time it is a family affair—brothers against brothers, all West Country born.

A challenge issued by the brothers S. Easterbrook of Knowle (Bristol), the man who won the Ryder Cup match for Britain at Southport three years ago and A. Easterbrook, of Exeter, the West of England champion, has been accepted by the brothers Charles and Ernest Whitcombe.

Why Not A "Sixsome"?

The match will be played over 36 holes on the Exeter course. It should be a good thing for the Whitcombes, but it would be still better if the suggestion of Charles that the match should be made a "sixsome" were adopted.

This arrangement would include Reginald Whitcombe, who would complete a trio of brothers difficult for any similar combination to beat.

At the moment, however, it is not certain whether Cyril Easterbrook will be able to join his brothers.

## SMALL UNITS CRICKET

The final of the Small Units Cricket Competition is to be played off on Tuesday next, April 14, on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, commencing at 10 a.m. The finalists are the Headquarters Wing, East Lancashire Regiment, and "B" Company, Royal Welch Fusiliers.



Gene Tanne, above, probably the most scientific heavyweight boxing champion the world has ever known, predicts a big future for Joe Louis, the sensational "Brown Bomber."

## VOLUNTEER SPORTS MEETING

Infantry Win At  
Tug-Of-War

As a result of their win over the Corps Signals, at the Volunteer Headquarters yesterday, the Static Machine Gun Battalion qualified to meet the Corps Infantry in the final of the tug-of-war event which is being held in connection with the annual sports meeting which will take place at Sookmoo on Saturday, April 18.

The Static Machine Gun Battalion were awarded a walk-over by the Mobile Section, and the Corps Infantry, which received a walk-over from the Coast Defence Corps, yesterday defeated the Corps Signals easily in two pulls. They were not given any resistance, although the Signals pulled nine men, instead of the regulation number of eight.

## AUSTRALIA'S NEXT TEST SIDE

EX-TASMANIAN ALMOST  
A CERTAINTY

BRADMAN'S STEEL-SHAFTED BAT

(By "Leighton")

London, March 28.

It augurs well for interest in the Test series between England and Australia, which begin at the end of this year, that already Australians are occupied with the delightful game of team-picking.

The Melbourne "Herald" suggests that Australia's team will be the same as that which won the fourth Test in South Africa, with two additions.

One is Bradman, as captain, in place of Victor Richardson; the other is C. L. Badcock, the young ex-Tasmanian, who hit 325 for South Australia against Victoria and practically won the match off his own bat.

Badcock is, I imagine, a certainty if he keeps his form. This would give Australia the following team:

## The Probable Team

D. G. Bradman (S.A.)  
S. J. McCabe (N.S.W.)  
J. H. Fingleton (N.S.W.)  
W. A. Brown (N.S.W.)  
W. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.)  
A. G. Chipperfield (N.S.W.)  
W. J. O'Reilly (N.S.W.)  
C. V. Grimmett (S.A.)  
E. L. McCormick (Vic.)  
L. S. Darling (Vic.)  
C. L. Badcock (S.A.)  
L. P. O'Brien (Vic.) (twelfth man).

New South Wales would be represented by six players—a preponderance which recalls the days immediately before the war, when a New South Wales side, with Trumper Macartney, Collins, Bardsley, Cotter, and Kellaway was practically an Australian eleven.

## Bradman Uses New Bat

So Don Bradman has used a steelshafted bat after all. Two weeks ago he ridiculed the idea that there was such "an improvement" in existence.

Now he has hit up a dashing 155 for the South Australian State team against a country side. It will be interesting to see what his comment will be, but at the moment he refuses to say anything other than that he must give the invention a fair test.

It is significant, however, that he has sent one of his favourite bats to Sydney to have a steelshafted handle inserted.

## FATE OF BRITANNIA

No Order Given For  
Breaking-Up

(By Major R. Heckstall-Smith)  
London, February 29.

It was authoritatively stated at Buckingham Palace yesterday that no order has been given for the breaking up of the King's racing yacht, Britannia. The only decision so far arrived at is that she will not be fitted out this year and that she will not race again.

It may be assumed, therefore, that, at some future date, Britannia will fall into the hands of the shipbreakers.

At no time in her long career (she was built in 1893) has Britannia—the most magnificent racing yacht in the world—been in more perfect condition than she is to-day.

## ANOTHER LARGE TRANSFER FEE

Manchester City Secure  
Doherty

(By LEIGHTON)

London, March 17.

The first £10,000 transfer deal of the season and the biggest since Portsmouth transferred Aston Villa 18 months ago for £11,000 was completed a short while ago when Blackpool agreed to let Manchester City have their Irish international forward, Peter Doherty, for that figure. The deal was a record for both clubs.

Doherty joined Blackpool from

## AMERICA HAS MORE THAN HER FAIR SHARE

Grand National Brings In  
Over \$2,899,000

New York, March 27.

Citizens of the United States who bought tickets on the Irish hospital sweepstakes won a total of approximately \$2,899,000 out of the Grand National Sweepstakes.

Americans held five tickets on Reynoldsstown, the winner; four on Ego, who finished second; five on Bachelor Prince who pulled in third. Each ticket on Reynoldsstown pays \$150,000; each on Ego \$75,000; and each on Bachelor Prince \$50,000. Total prizes this year were \$7,268,770.—Associated Press.



## DARK BLUES' ATHLETICS REVISION

NEW EVENTS NOT  
POPULAR

AMERICAN POLE-VAULTER  
IN FINE FORM

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, March 1.

The point-scoring system for inter-college athletics at Oxford may be revised, Evill Rudd tells me. The attempt to encourage the new field events—javelin, discus and pole-vault—has ended by putting too much of a premium on them.

Although four points are given for a win as against five for the other 10 events, the fact that no points are scored for second place in the three events makes them the most lucrative to win.

To score four points to your opponent's none is better than five against his three. Three points for first and one for second appears to be the most satisfactory compromise.

## Promising Talent

In spite of severe frost, and a spate of college fixtures, the Inter-College competition has been a big success, and not for a long time has there been so much keenness. Undoubtedly, many promising athletes have been "won" for the O.U.A.C.

The pole-vaulting of W. H. Elkins is one of the high spots in Oxford's improvement. The American won against Cambridge in 1934 with 11ft. He can now do 12ft or more. On March 14 he will be against F. R. Webster (Cambridge), who won last year with 12ft 6½in—an English native record. Elkins is also one of the best long jumpers at Oxford.

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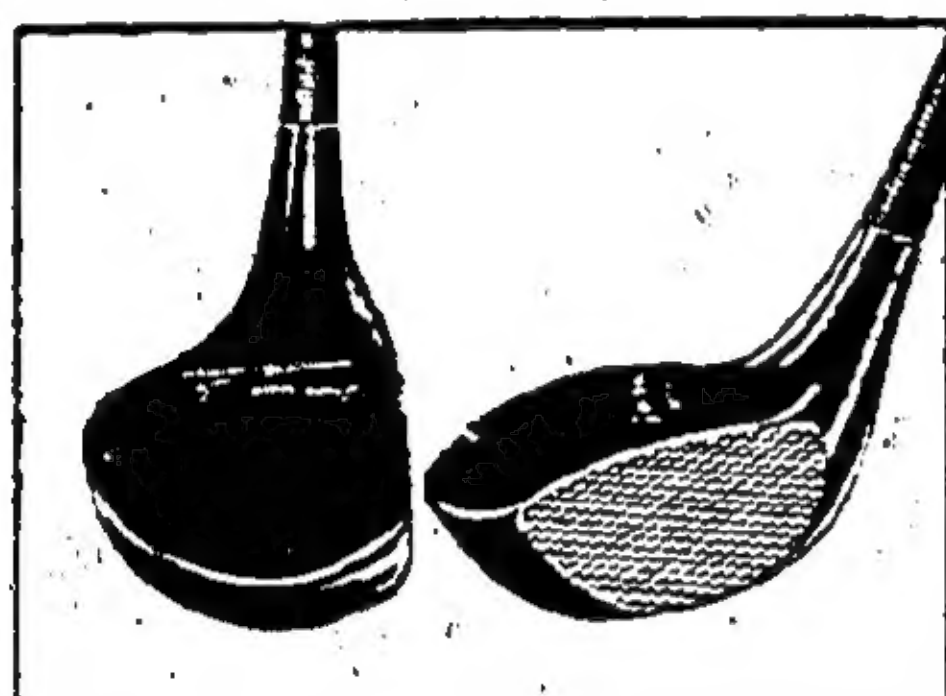
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Brighter Days For The  
Railways

A number of causes combine to give more than usual interest to the annual meetings of the British railway companies this year. The 12 months, with which they deal were a period of increasing revenue, but also of additional expenditure, largely as a consequence of the partial restoration of wage cuts. The Government passed two Acts of Parliament, a principal effect of which will be to enable the railway companies to obtain capital for improvements at a lower interest rate. Finally the rating appeals carried through to the House of Lords hold out the most substantial promise that all the railways will be found entitled to a large reduction in their assessment to local rates.

Sir Robert Horne, as chairman of the Great Western Railway, has been given the first opportunity of dealing with the three main factors that go to the improvement of the railway outlook. His speech to the shareholders did not disguise the fact that any full recovery of railway prosperity must be a slow process, but it took a hopeful view of the immediate future. In his opinion 1936 should yield still more favourable results. Strong support is given to that belief by the traffic returns for February, which show an improvement since January 1 of over half a million sterling for the four great companies.

There has been doubt whether the railways would be able to recover the amounts already overpaid in rates, since the money has been distributed in rebates to various industries. Sir Robert Horne is not found among the doubters. He claimed that the Act of Parliament provides for the return of the money, and he cast upon the Government the onus of finding the ways and means, while offering all help in that process. Even so, railway revenues will not yet be adequate to the full restoration of wage cuts claimed by the workers. Most of the companies are drawing upon reserves for the dividends they pay, and many millions of capital go without any return at all. The revenues of the Great Western have suffered greatly from conditions in South Wales, in which a large part of its interests is concentrated. There is improvement to record in that area and a happier time is in prospect, but Sir Robert Horne holds very strongly that South Wales has "an irresistible claim to special consideration in connection with the establishment of any works of national concern."

There has been doubt whether the railways would be able to recover the amounts already overpaid in rates, since the money has been distributed in rebates to various industries. Sir Robert Horne is not found among the doubters. He claimed that the Act of Parliament provides for the return of the money, and he cast upon the Government the onus of finding the ways and means, while offering all help in that process. Even so, railway revenues will not yet be adequate to the full restoration of wage cuts claimed by the workers. Most of the companies are drawing upon reserves for the dividends they pay, and many millions of capital go without any return at all. The revenues of the Great Western have suffered greatly from conditions in South Wales, in which a large part of its interests is concentrated. There is improvement to record in that area and a happier time is in prospect, but Sir Robert Horne holds very strongly that South Wales has "an irresistible claim to special consideration in connection with the establishment of any works of national concern."

VETERAN GOES  
STRONGGraf Zeppelin For  
S. America

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Friedrichshafen, To-day.

The veteran airship Graf Zeppelin will inaugurate its eighth year of trans-Atlantic flights on Easter Monday, when it will take off for the first flight to South America this year.

The Hindenburg will again land at the airport of Lowenthal as the new airport, Frankfurt-on-Main, has not yet been completed. Lowenthal is near Friedrichshafen, but Frankfurt-on-Main will be the future base of all the Zeppelin services. — Trans-Ocean Service.

ORGANISATION  
OF PEACEInternational Police  
ForceFRENCH MEMORANDUM  
DETAILS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

The second part of the French Memorandum, it is learned, will be addressed to the League of Nations, and entitled "The Organisation of peace in the future," containing an exhaustive political and economic scheme for the reorganisation of Europe.

In four regions, apparently the Rhine, Weichsel, Danube and Mediterranean, the interested Powers should conclude mutual assistance pacts, the arbitration procedure being based on the protocol of 1924.

The idea of a "Peace Army" an international police force composed of contingents of all members States of the League and at the latter's disposal — has been re-mentioned in the French proposals.

It is stated in political circles that this plan has its origin in M. Briand's idea of a European Union, and, materialising, would permit the general limitation of armaments.

FRANCE PLAYING SAFE

Paris: M. Flandin left for Geneva last night, in the company of Mr. Anthony Eden, who arrived here earlier in the evening.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Titulescu, and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Potemkin, travelled in the same train.

M. Titulescu had a conversation with M. Flandin on Monday, in the course of which the introduction of compulsory military service in Austria and the impending negotiations between Rumania and Soviet Russia are believed to have been thoroughly discussed.

It is believed that M. Flandin told M. Titulescu that the Little Entente, which is receiving special attention in the French peace plan, must avoid any new complications in Central Europe in order not to antagonise Italy any further.

It appears that the Quai d'Orsay is still inclined to support Italy as far as possible, in order to ensure her co-operation in the forthcoming negotiations. For this reason France, it is believed, will not join in the Little Entente protest against compulsory military service in Austria, which is believed to be favoured by Signor Mussolini.—Trans-Ocean Service.

BRITAIN'S COST  
OF LIVINGPending Revision Of  
Index Number

London, To-day.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown, announced at Commons' question time yesterday that the revision of the basis of the Ministry's cost of living index number, in relation to which wage adjustments are made over a wide field of industry, is to be undertaken. The comprehensive enquiry necessary could not be calculated on the existing basis.—British Wireless Service.

EXPLANATION OF  
TO-DAY'S  
CARTOONThe Lantern Of  
O-Bon

THE O-BON is a memorial festival which has been observed by Japanese Buddhist families ever since the introduction of Buddhism into Japan about 1300 years ago. It is a 3-day reunion of the living with the spirits of the dead, and the purpose of the festival is to perpetuate the memory of ancestors and to stimulate ancestor worship and filial piety. At night bonfires were originally used to guide the spirits of the dead and footsteps of the living, but in more recent times huge lanterns have been substituted. The largest of these O-BON lanterns, is the one at Suwa, placed there before the shrine about 60 years ago, and still being used. It is 25 feet high and 15 feet in diameter.

SOVIET PERFECTS ITS  
WAR-MACHINERED ARMY IS SYMBOL OF  
RESTLESS IDEALISMINTERNATIONAL APPEAL AS SORT  
OF "POLITICAL BRIDGEHEAD"

(By A. T. Cholerton)

READINESS for war is now the key issue here in Moscow, and the political strategy of Bolshevism at home and abroad is entirely adjusted to that.

Within three years Red Russia expects to have to fight Germany, and still believing that England and France will also be fighting Germany in the same war, she expects to be victorious.

After that Moscow foresees an epoch of disorder in Europe something like the Thirty Years War, a breakdown of national government in Central Europe perhaps extending to France, reaction against revolution, with anybody fighting anybody, and the British and Soviet systems probably alone surviving the first round or two.

Of the future of the Far East, Moscow is not so sure. Whilst another Russo-Japanese duel for power is regarded as ultimately inevitable, Russia's prodigious effort in fortifying the Trans-baikal and Vladivostok regions has, it is felt here, turned the Japanese thrust south-westwards.

But Moscow cannot imagine Tokyo letting slip the golden chance of taking Vladivostok when Germany strikes eastwards.

## On The Defensive

These facts, rather than any profound change of heart in the Kremlin, explain the present suspension of class-war tactics inside Russia, the attempt to conciliate the peasants (and, to some extent the debris of the Russian intelligentsia), and to win over Liberal and Young Conservative politicians and intellectuals in foreign lands by momentarily "letting down" the foreign working class.

The party line is now "Chauvinism on the defensive"; but this is a mere temporary expedient, because Bolshevism on

the defensive is a contradiction in terms, and "raceless" nationalism a very precarious thing in Russia.

Bolshevism must, if it is to survive, always have a world winning-post seemingly in sight. Stalin and his non-Slav partners in dictatorship know that.

The Red Army, symbol of this restless idealism, has none the less now become about as "national" as any other great modern army. But it keeps up its international appeal as a sort of political "bridge-head" on the territory of its probable enemies and probable allies alike. To this end, it still hands out honorary ranks to foreign Red leaders, and still calls its crack regiments "British Proletariat," "German Proletariat," and so forth.

## The Army Lionised

Constantly flood-lit with officially-propagated enthusiasm, no army in the world is so lionised as this "invincible," "darling child of revolution."

Their every gesture is called "heroic," and the Government Press — the sole Press here — is daily plastered with their pictures at work and play. Pacifism being outlawed, your Russian soldier is not exposed to "defeatist" propaganda, nor ever allowed to think that his job is "dirty even if necessary."

Instead, like Hitler's men, he is taught to believe that, owing to some intrinsic superiority — in Germany racial, here social — he is the salt of the earth, and must necessarily win in that "final struggle" which he learns to sing about in the Soviet National Anthem, still called "The International." He is even led to expect a semi-miraculous collapse of the field armies of the enemy when the trumpets of the Comintern really blare their loudest under the walls of the modern capitalist Jericho.

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COMMUNISTS IN  
YUNNANAnother Invasion  
By Reds

CANTON SHOWS CONCERN

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.

Military circles here are unable to confirm the Peiping report that the Communists in Yunnan have occupied Ma Lung, 65 miles north-east of Yunnanfu, although a previous dispatch stated that the Reds invaded Yunnan again after being driven from Kweichow by a superior Nanking force.

It appears that the Reds are also attacking Kuk Ching, 20 miles east of Ma Lung. However, Kuk Ching is heavily garrisoned by the provincial forces under General Ho Lung, Commander-in-Chief of the Yunnan troops.

A high Staff Officer who recently returned here from Yunnanfu stated last night that General Lung has 20 regiments, which are sufficient to deal with the Communists. He stated that the present Communist unit under Hsiao Keh and Ho Lung is not so formidable as the units now in North-western Szechuen.

Government leaders here are showing considerable concern over the Communist situation in Yunnan, which is an integral part of the South-west. General Lung Yun is a supporter of the South-west policy.

There are about 85 foreigners in and around Yunnanfu. In case of danger, however, they can easily take a train southward to Indo-China.

## OBITUARY

Vice-Adm. A. J. B.  
Stirling

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Vice-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling.—Reuter.

Vice-Admiral Stirling served in H.M.S. Barfleur in China during the Boxer rising in 1900, when he was severely wounded in an attack on Chinese field guns and invalided home. He was Commander-in-Charge, Hong Kong, in 1926, and was placed on the retired list in 1931. He was present in charge of the Destroyer Flotilla during the Battle of Jutland. In addition to a Companionship of the Bath (1916), he was an Officer of the Legion of Honour and a member of the Order of St. Anne, second class.—Reuter.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley







Dolores del Rio plays the leading feminine role in "I Live For Love," now being screened at the Queen's Theatre.

## Short Shots

SPENCER TRACY will be co-starred with Clark Gable and Jeanette MacDonald in "San Francisco," with direction by W. S. van Dyke.

Among the artists who have been given new contracts with M.G.M. will be found Nelson Eddy, Edna May Oliver, Rosalind Russell, Joan Harlow and Robert Taylor, all most deserving of their success.

James Stewart, who had his first screen chance with Margaret Sullivan in a Universal release in "Next Time We Love," has some splendid parts in many M.G.M. releases, the first being in "Rose Marie."

The dry comedian who by his quaint voice and witty patter has endeared himself to the world—Pete Smith—is continuing with many more Sport subjects including polo, through M.G.M.

Charley Chase is in the new Patsy Kelly—Pett Kelson comedies at the Hal Roach Studio. Miss Kelson took the place of the late Thelma Todd.

Jack Conway will direct "Elegance," starring Joan Crawford and husband Franchot Tone.

Universal certainly has a "winner" in the picture "The Magnificent Obsession," starring Irene Dunne and Robert Taylor. Their other big hits promise to be Edward Arnold and Binnie Barnes in "Sutters Gold," Sally Eilers and Jimmy Dunn in "Don't Get Personal," and Carole Lombard and Preston Foster in "Love Before Breakfast."

Winifred Shotter is at last in Hollywood. She quietly slipped in and was given a role in "Petticoat Fever" with Myrna Loy and Robert Montgomery.

Henry "Bengal Lancer" Hathaway has started work with "I Loved a Soldier" co-starring Marlene Dietrich and Charles Boyer.

News has now arrived that "The Country Doctor," starring the famous "Dionne Quintuplets" is likely to break all box-office records. Everyone will want to see these adorable girls. Jean Harlowe as "Dr. Defoe" steals acting honours, as luckily the babies liked him so much they willingly shared in the best scenes.

Marian Davies is working on "Hearts Divided" with Dick Powell and Charles Ruggles, while Joan Blondell and Joe Brown are on the same lot in "Gentleman from Big Bend."

Herbert Brennon is directing Noah Berry again in a British film. This is the first time he has done so since the memorable "Bean Geste."

It is good to hear that the undoubted ability of Brian Donlevy is being appreciated by the studios and he has been quickly promoted from small parts (which he made outstanding by sheer personality) to a featured role with Claire Trevor in "I Will Be Faithful."—DIANE.

## HAROLD LLOYD MAKES NEW HIT IN "THE MILKY WAY"

LILY PONS, WORLD-FAMED SOPRANO, DELIGHTS IN FILM DEBUT

WARNER BAXTER SHINES AGAIN IN SPLENDID MUSICAL, "KING OF BURLESQUE"

By Diane

HAROLD Lloyd came second only to Charlie Chaplin in the silents, but, unlike the genius of the screen, when talkies arrived he set out to adapt himself to the new medium, not getting on very successfully till he took a story from "The Saturday Evening Post" and produced an unsophisticated, uproariously funny farce, "The Milky Way"—the best work he has given us to date. Wisely, too, he surrounds himself with an exceptionally fine cast consisting of Adolphe Menjou and wife Verree Teasdale, Helen Mack, William Gargan, Lionel Stander (remembered in "The Scoundrel"), George Barbier, Dorothy Wilson, Marjorie Gateson and others.

Lloyd is content to be the central figure of a comedy team, but the picture is improved because he has realised the value of sound support and not allowed too much limelight on himself. "We find him as a mild milkman whose skill in ducking the blows of other people gets him into the headlines as 'The Milkman who Knocked out the Middle-weight Champion of the World.' Although the whole thing is a mistake, the boxer's manager decides to make money on it, putting him in a series of faked fights, and then matching him against the champion, betting heavily on the latter. This is enough of the plot, but the dialogue is excellent, with a full share of amusing wisecracks. The cast fit perfectly into their respective roles and Lee McCarey's direction keeps the story moving at a splendid pace, which is guaranteed to keep you laughing. You will appreciate the new gags, the touch of pathos in the story and the excellence of the whole cast. Not to be missed. (Queen's)."

"King Of Burlesque" Twentieth Century-Fox have breathed new life into another of those back-stage musicals and managed to give a really worthwhile show. Warner Baxter gives a performance the equal of the

one he gave in "42nd Street"—a Warner as clever and charming as ever. He really convinces us of the true worth of the stage producer who marries a rich widow, abandons low-brow burlesque for high-brow Revue and in-



Lovely Alice Faye sings, dances and romances in "King of Burlesque," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.

LILY Pons, the world's acknowledged greatest coloratura soprano, makes an instantaneous hit in this, her first picture. She looks like a little girl, and is the possessor of an endearing personality, fascinating accent and vivacity that charms more than actual beauty. Already through her amazing success on the Continent and at the Metropolitan Opera House and the sale of gramophone records this little French girl has made a world-famous reputation. Until the scenario writers can think up a new subject we will have to be content with the kind always dished up to serve as introductions for opera stars, so be prepared for little that is new in "I Dream Too Much." The story tells how, as the wife of a poor composer, she sings his music so beautifully that she is forced into opera and he becomes just a star's husband. Resenting this, they quarrel, but are reconciled when she has the idea of making his opera into a highly successful musical. Then fame goes to his head—but no more of the story. I leave you to find out, as anyone who misses seeing and hearing Miss Pons is unwise. What freshness is missing from the plot is more than made up for in the delightful numbers of a light order and the marvellous rendition of the "Bell Song" from "Lakme." Miss Pons enters into her work with enthusiasm, and takes most of the success of the show upon her shoulders. The settings are beautiful (which we have come to expect from R.K.O.) and the stage numbers strikingly executed.

Among the support Osgood Perkins and Eric Blore (not forgetting "The Duchess") are the best; I still think Henry Fonda can only play a farmer's boy and is consequently miscast as the husband. Esther Dale, Scotty Beckett and Lucien Littlefield with others, under the expert direction of John Cromwell, help to make the film debut of this fascinating "Pocket Soprano" an outstanding success. Not to be missed. (Alhambra).

"Rose Marie" The romantic Eddy-Macdonald team could not have received a better break than to be handed the leading roles in Rudolph Friml's operetta "Rose Marie." Nelson Eddy as the stalwart North-west Mountie and Jeanette as the Canadian girl are just what the cinema-fans ordered. This vehicle, which will be heartily welcomed, will be opening at the King's and Alhambra on the 18th. Don't miss it.

"Three Live Ghosts" Much ado about three soldiers, listed in the War records as officially dead, who return to London and find difficulty in proving themselves mortal. One of them (Dick Arlen) is hiding out from a gaol term, which he believes awaits him in the United States. Another (Charles McNaughton) wants to be regarded as alive, but his mother (Beryl Mercer) insists he is not, because she has already collected the insurance money, and the third (Claud Allister) is not sure whether he is alive or not. Things are complicated by the fact that Arlen and McNaughton have girls in love with them, Cecilia Parker, (remembered in "Ah, Wilderness") and Nydia Westman.

This play was first of all a stage play, then a movie, a talkie (with Robert Montgomery) and now again released by M.G.M. Beryl Mercer has played the part of the mother in every production. Dudley Digges and Nydia Westman hand out most of the laughs, and Claud Allister overacts as usual. The rest of the cast make the most of rather worn-out material. (King's).

"Paddy O'Day" If you care for homely child-actress Jane Withers, you will like her in this story of an Irish orphan's adventures in New York. (Continued On Page 11)



Jane Withers, Pinksy Tomlin and Rita Cansino are in "Paddy O'Day," which is now being shown at the King's Theatre.

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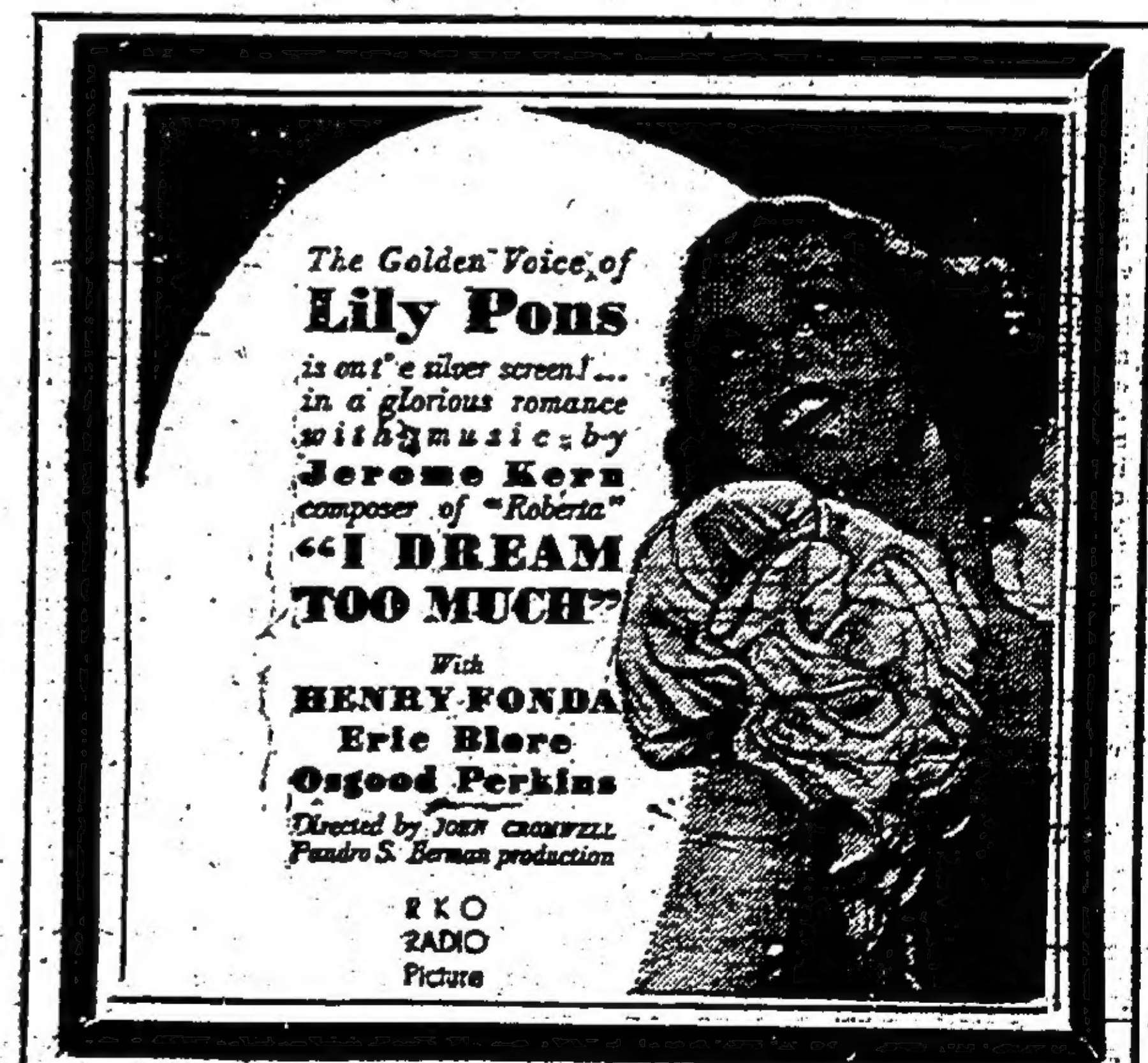
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SENTENCES  
REDUCEDAppeal Court Case  
MAGISTRATE'S DECISION  
UPHELD

"The whole circumstances of, or connected with the appellant's arrest are such as to be inconsistent with his innocence of the offence. This conviction, therefore, stands," said Mr. Justice Lindsell at the conclusion of the appeal by Mr. Leo d'Almada, jnr., instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby, on behalf of Li So, alias Li Tat-shang, against the sentences passed on him in the Lower Court on charges of possession of heroin pills, possession of heroin and possession of poison.

When the case was resumed yesterday, Mr. J. B. Prentis, on behalf of the Crown, said that it was submitted by Mr. d'Almada that "Exhibit Z 1" was unsatisfactory, but he (Mr. Prentis) said that he held there was evidence to the effect that it was quite in order. He also submitted that the document in question had been properly produced and identified by Revenue Officer Grimmit.

"Sufficient Evidence"  
Mr. Prentis continued that the appellant was arrested on a floor on which a heroin factory in full blast was in operation and further that in the appellant's possession was found a piece of paper on which was written the names of two drugs which could have been ingredients for heroin. Taking the evidence as a whole, he said, he submitted that there was sufficient evidence for the Magistrate to register a conviction.

Mr. d'Almada said that before replying to Mr. Prentis, he wanted to say that he was in entire agreement with the finding that Charge "B" against the appellant must be dropped. This point was decided upon at a previous hearing. Under Charge "A," appellant was fined \$2,500 or one year's imprisonment and under Charge "B" he was to pay \$2,000 or do another year's goal, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mr. d'Almada then went on to say that his interpretation of the word concurrent, as used by the Magistrate in this particular case, was that the Magistrate had not stated whether the sentence on Charge "C" shall be concurrent with the first or second part of Charge "A," and it must therefore mean that it was concurrent with the whole sentence, and therefore, if the whole sentence is reduced to one year by the payment of the fine in Charge "A," then the sentence on Charge "C" must be concurrent with Charge "A."

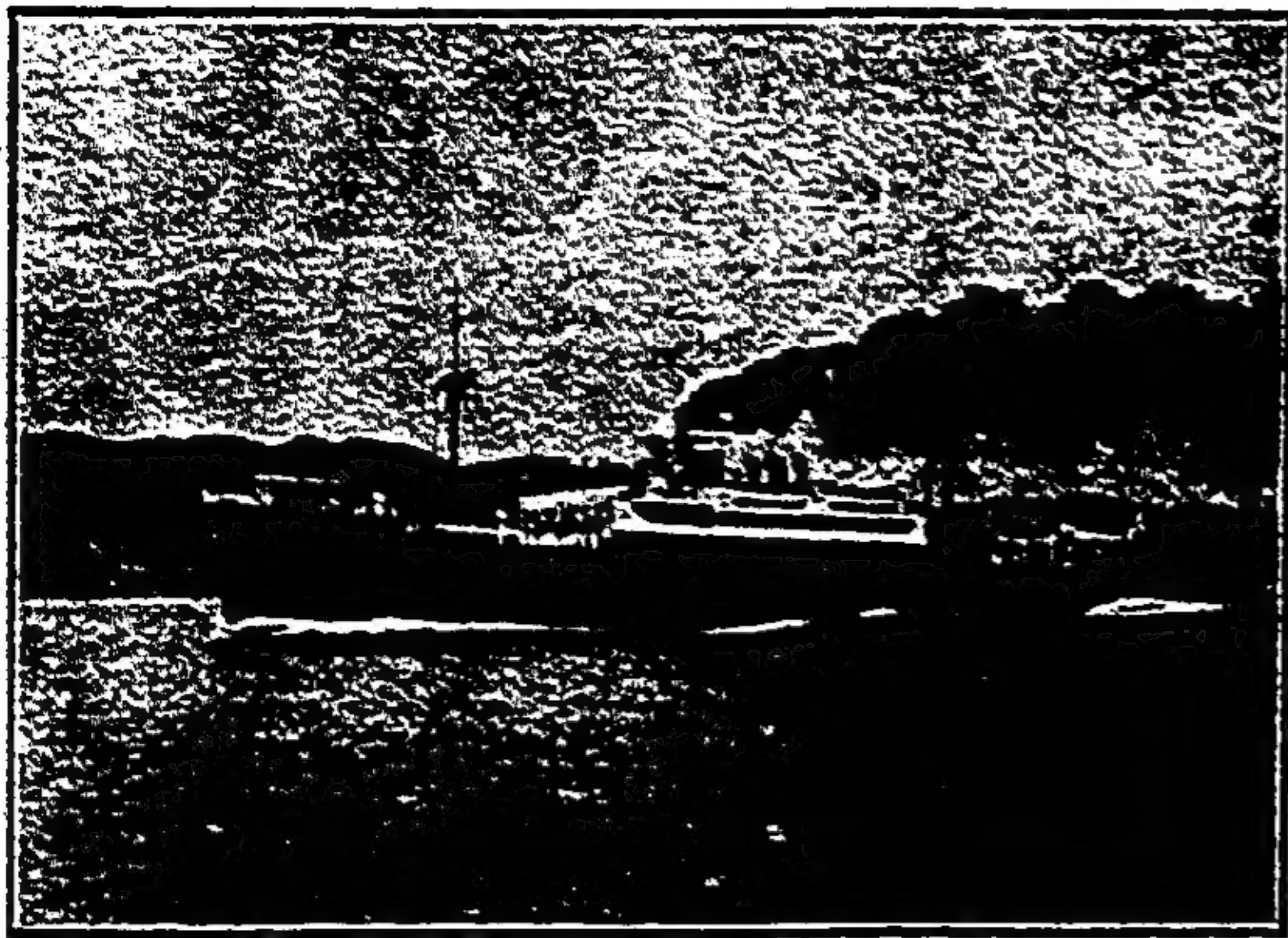
In conclusion Mr. d'Almada said, "Your Lordships are not here to decide whether the man is an innocent one but whether the trial was properly conducted, and if you are satisfied that the trial was not properly conducted then this case must be quashed."

**Must Be Quashed**  
Mr. Justice Lindsell said:—"I find that the conviction on Charge "B" must be quashed. As regards the appeal against the conviction on Charges "A" and "C," I am satisfied that the Magistrate's conviction must be upheld. I agree that the statements by the persons arrested at the same time as the appellant are not evidence against him, and the Magistrate's judgment shows that he must have disregarded these, except possibly in assessing the penalty to be imposed."

"The whole circumstances of, or connected with the appellant's arrest, are not such as to be inconsistent with his innocence of the offence. This conviction, therefore, stands."

"As regards the sentences imposed, I feel that the Magistrate had no right to differentiate between this appellant and the other persons convicted at the same time. I, therefore, consider that the sentences imposed by the Magistrate on Charges "A" and "C" should conform with those imposed on the other persons, namely that the sentence on Charge "A" should be reduced to \$2,500 or six months, and that on Charge "C" to \$1,000 or six months."

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, on her round-the-world cruise, will arrive at Yokohama from Kobe on Sunday and will leave again for Honolulu on the evening of Wednesday.



The 2,800-ton "Hong Kong Maru," of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, which will arrive in the Colony to-morrow morning on her maiden voyage from Keelung, Formosa.

## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mr. M. J. B. Montargis, the well-known Exchange Broker, and Madame Montargis, are leaving the Colony on Friday April 10, by the s.s. Andre Lebon and will return about the beginning of January.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is due here from Vancouver on May 7 and will leave the same day for Manila.

The s.s. Sirdhana will leave here for Singapore at 10.30 a.m. next Saturday.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan left Vancouver last Saturday morning and is due here on the morning of April 24. She will leave the same evening for Manila.

The members of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will hold their Annual Dinner and Social Evening at the Sports Club on Tuesday next.

The Good Friday Lantern Service arranged to take place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, has been cancelled.

UNCERTAIN SITUATION  
IN EUROPE

(Continued from Page 1)

tions Committee of Eighteen is to be convened immediately after Easter to consider the tightening up of sanctions.

It is estimated that in these circumstances the sitting of the Committee of Thirteen will last till Saturday, especially since the Belgian Premier, M. van Zeeland, is stated to be unable to arrive at Geneva before Friday, so that the other representatives of League member States will have to stay in the League capital at least until the week-end.—Trans-Ocean Service.

**MR. EDEN LEAVES LONDON**  
London: The Foreign Secretary left London yesterday afternoon for Geneva, where he will attend to-day's meeting of the Committee of Thirteen. The French Foreign Minister will also be in Geneva and the Belgian Premier is expected to arrive there within the next few days.

As Mr. Eden explained in Monday night's Commons debate, it is proposed to take advantage of this opportunity for informal consultations with regard to the European situation and the German memorandum of April 1, which is still under examination in London. If these arrangements hold the Foreign Secretary will be joined in Geneva by Lord Halifax, Lord Privy Seal, who ever since the events of March 7 has been associated with the discussions which have taken place, both in Paris and London, with the other League Powers.

There is a debate in the Lords to-day on foreign affairs, in which Lord Halifax will take part. The Lord Privy Seal will speak early in order to take the night aeroplane to Paris.

**STAFF CONVERSATIONS**  
The War Minister, Mr. A. Duff Cooper, in a Commons answer yesterday regarding the Staff conversations provided for in the draft proposals of March 19 and which it has now been arranged shall begin in London on Wednesday, April 15, said that so far as the War Office was concerned they would be conducted solely through the Director of Military Operations and Intelligence, Major-General J. G. Dill.—British Wireless Service.

A Dinner Dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel, to-night at 8.30.

A "Busy Bees" jumble sale will be held on April 24 at 2.30 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

The Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association are holding a tea party on Monday, April 20, at 4.30 p.m. at Sandilands Hut to say farewell to the Colony Commissioner, Lady Southern.

The Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society's series of discussions on the subject "Is the World All Right?" will conclude this evening when the Rev. W. Maclean will present the "Religious and Social Point of View."

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Hubert Carew Hopkins, Bank Official, residing at 460, The Peak, and Miss Phyllis Vera Clarke, Weightman, nursing sister at the Victoria Hospital, was announced at the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday.

There will be no dance on Good Friday at the Peninsula Hotel, but there will be a special Dinner Dance in the Rose Room on Saturday.

There will be another popular Band Concert at the Peninsula Hotel on Sunday, April 19, by the Band of the 2nd Battalion, the East Lancashire Regiment (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. C. Marsh and Officers) commencing at 9 p.m. There will be no admission charge.

Siu Ng, a Chinese male working at No. 110 Hollywood Road, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening with a smashed hand, as a result of having it jammed in a printing press.

Ya Yau, a Chinese male, was admitted to the Kowloon hospital yesterday evening suffering from injuries received when he jumped from a wall while attempting to commit a larceny.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, is holding a small investiture at noon to-morrow at Government House, when Paymaster-Commander E. A. Jolly, R.N., of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, will be invested with the insignia of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Chinese community are giving a farewell party to the Hon. Sir Thomas Southern, Governor-designate of Gambia, and Lady Southern at either the Hong Kong Hotel or the Chinese Merchants' Club at 5 p.m. on April 27, when a Chinese address will be presented. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, has accepted an invitation to attend the function.

A Bridge and Mahjongg Drive is arranged to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on Monday, April 27, at 3 p.m., in aid of St. John's Cathedral Organ Fund. The Drive is being organised by the Cathedral Women's Guild. Tickets (\$1.50 each) including tea, are obtainable at the Cathedral Hall, Helena May Institute, Anderson Music Co., and Montnie's.

**WEATHER REPORT**  
A ridge of moderately high pressure extends from Mongolia to Japan. A continental depression is approaching Shanghai from the west. South and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, with the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

H.K. TRUST AND  
REALTY CO., LTD."Lido" Fulfills Long  
Felt NeedBUT DECREASE IN PROFITS  
OF FIRM DURING 1935

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Trust and Realty Co., Ltd., was held at the Registered offices of the Company this morning when Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman and Managing Director, presided, supported by Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. P. K. Kwok, Sir Shou-Son Chow and Mr. John Fleming (Directors) and Mr. F. C. Barry (Secretary).

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, including the sum of \$22,310.92 brought forward from the previous year, amounted to \$46,107.54, which the Directors recommended carrying forward to the next account.

Among the shareholders present were Mr. P. H. Suckling, Mr. E. Kitchell, Mr. H. M. d'Eca and Mr. C. C. Blake.

**Chairman's Speech**  
Reviewing the year, the Chairman said:—

"The profit for the year 1935 amounted to \$23,796.62, which, together with the sum of \$22,310.92 brought forward from the preceding year, makes available for allocation the total of \$46,107.54, which amount your Board recommends be carried forward to the next account."

"The Profit and Loss Account would appear to call for no particular comment other than to point out that the decrease in profit, amounting to some \$16,000, as compared with the previous year, is accounted for, as you will observe, by the increase in respect of Bank Interest charges resultant upon payments effected in connection with the financing of the development on R. B. L. 368, at Repulse Bay. In this relation your Board did not deem it prudent to capitalise interest, consequently the Profit and Loss Account has borne the brunt of interest charges during construction."

**Work Suspended**

"Turning to the Balance Sheet, comparative differences on the Asset side are generally accounted for by the expenditure involved in the completion of the Southern Building and surrounds of the "Lido" to which I have just referred. The item "Suspense Account" of \$3,240.00 covers payment of Architectural Fees for services and plans in connection with the contemplated Northern Building and Swimming Pool, which form part of the complete scheme of development; these projects will, not, however, be proceeded with until such time as conditions and experience of the working of the present section justify the expenditure involved. In the circumstances, unless results warrant the completion of the works referred to within the near future, the amount in question will be written off; should development subsequently be undertaken, however, Architectural Fees will be reduced to the extent of the effected payment covering preliminary plans and professional services."

"Investments at cost, totalling \$2,517,770.25, show an increase of \$18,750 over the figure under this heading for the previous year, which is accounted for by a payment made on taking up the quota of new shares to which your Company was entitled by virtue of its holding in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. Taken at market prices ruling at the December 31, 1935, a small comparative decline is revealed in the values of the Company's investments as compared with the appraisement for the previous year, and I venture to think that the position may be regarded as fairly satisfactory in the light of the continuous shrinkage in values which prevailed during the past year."

"On the Liabilities Side of the Balance Sheet, the only item calling for comment is in respect of the indebtedness to our Bankers, where, the increase under this heading has been entirely due to financing of the "Lido" development. I submit that no particular explanation on other items is required."

**"Lido" Proves Popular**  
"Various alterations and amendments in the originally approved layout were deemed essential be-

To-day's Complete Short Story

The Man Who  
Thought Of  
Everything

By E. N.  
Taylor

## CHARACTERS.

IRENE (a Young Girl).  
ERNEST (a Young Man).  
PHYLLIS (a Young Girl).

The scene is Irene's bedroom in a country house in England—up stage, a practicable window, slightly open, and an old-fashioned bell-pull.

The bed is turned down in readiness and there is a hot-water can on or near the washstand; dresses are spread over most of the chairs.

A small suitcase is open on a settee at the foot of the bed. Irene is disclosed in profile, standing at the wardrobe; she selects a dress and very deliberately folds it. It will not fit into the suitcase, and after two attempts she shakes it out and starts again on the first one. A grandfather clock (off) strikes twelve very solemnly. Irene goes to the wardrobe and faces away from the window. The window is slowly opened from the outside. Enter Ernest, through the window. He wears a dirty raincoat over a grey lounge suit, a muffler, and very dirty wash-leather gloves; bits of ivy and creeper cling to him and he has a dirty mark across his face.

His manner is quietly confident, and continues so throughout. Irene turns round and, as he advances to meet her with hands outstretched, she speaks.

IRENE. So you've come.  
ERNEST. Yes.

They approach and seem to be about to kiss, but she draws back.

IRENE. Your face!

ERNEST. I have provided for that contingency. Another car will follow.

IRENE. The driver might let us down.

ERNEST. A lifelong friend, in whom I have implicit confidence, is in charge of that car.

IRENE. And where do you propose to go?

ERNEST. London.

IRENE. Yes, I know; but where in London?

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## TO-MORROW'S STORY

Another adventure of  
Dixon Hawke — The Faked  
Skid — will appear in to-morrow's editions.

fore the "Lido" could be opened and this was consequently delayed until mid-July of last year, when certain portions of the building were made available to the Public; completion was not, however, effected until well into the Autumn. From the opening date, the establishment enjoyed considerable popularity and, from the degree of patronage accorded, there is no doubt that it has succeeded in fulfilling a long felt want in the matter of providing up to date bathing and recreation facilities. "Due to the delay referred to, coupled with the unusually cold snap which set in towards the end of September last, the season was comparatively short, but the revenue that accrued in the two months of successful operation was such as to augur well for the future of the undertaking, and although it would be premature at this juncture to forecast the potentialities of the "Lido," the position should be more capable of analysis when the result of operations covering a full year can be reviewed, including the benefit of earnings during the Summer Season."

"Your Directors regret the passing of a Dividend in respect of the past year, as they feel that prevailing conditions call for conservation of the Company's cash resources."

"There being no further matter to which I can usefully refer, I now beg formally to propose that the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the financial year ended December 31, 1935, as presented, be adopted, and that the balance of \$46,107.54 standing to the credit of Profit and Loss Account at that date, be carried forward to the Account for the year 1936." Mr. J. Fleming seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. P. K. Kwok and Mr. T. E. Pearce were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. Suckling, seconded by Mr. Kitchell, while Messrs. Lindsell and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at the same remuneration as before, on the proposal of Mr. d'Eca, seconded by Mr. Blake.

UNION WATERBOAT  
COMPANYSmall Increase In  
ProfitsMORE WATER SOLD THAN  
PREVIOUS YEAR

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., which was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Bank Building, this morning, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, in the course of his review of the year, said that despite the fact that there was an increase in wages, coal and upkeep, a small increase was shown in the profit on working account for the year.

Mr. Dodwell was supported by Messrs. M. T. Johnson, I. W. Shewan and K. Watanabe (members of the Consulting Committee) and Messrs. A. C. I. Bowker (Secretary) and J. S. Howell, W. Wright and M. A. Johnson (shareholders).

## Chairman's Speech

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

"The total sales of water amounted to 630,156 tons, an increase of 891 tons over the previous year, and this has resulted in a small increase of approximately \$500 in the figure for Water sales in the Working Account."

"Sales from the Kowloon Wharf mains are down some \$6,000, but general sales are up correspondingly and this was due to the water restrictions in force during the year. Various supplies which in the ordinary course of events would have been made from the Wharf lines had to be supplied by boats drawing their supplies from Laichikok."

"Analysing the Running expenses, which are down some H.K.\$600, we find that Wages, Upkeep, and Coal are up H.K.\$2,500, which is due to the recommissioning of No. 6 Waterboat. This increase, however, is more than offset by a reduction in the Fuel Oil and Insurance charges. The price of the former was reduced during the year and the lower figure for insurance is due to the reduction of cover on the revaluation of the fleet as at December 31, 1934. The net result is a small increase of H.K.\$650 in the profit on Working Account as compared with the previous year."

"The balance of Profits and Loss Account shows an increase of H.K.\$950. The overdraft was wiped out when the Union Insurance Society of Canton shares were disposed of in 1934 and consequently we now have a credit of H.K.\$50 in Interest Account in place of the debit of H.K.\$740 last year. This, however, is offset by the reduction of H.K.\$800 odd in the income from investments."

## \$1,146.14 Increased Profit

"After allowing for depreciation on Waterboats and Launch, and on the suggestion of our Auditors, writing off the small balance on the Investment Fluctuation Account, the net profit for the year amounts to \$42,450.33 as against \$41,504.19 for the year 1934. Adding to the net profit the sum of \$3,223.43 carried forward from last account there remains for appropriation the sum of H.K.\$45,773.76, with which it is proposed to deal as follows:—

Transfer to Special Reserve Fund	H.K.\$3,000.00
Transfer to Staff Leave and Contingency Account	2,063.00
Transfer to Investment Fluctuation Account	2,000.00
Pay a dividend of 80 cents on 28,813 shares	23,050.40
Carry forward to next account	2,723.36
<b>H.K.\$45,773.76</b>	

"The fleet has been maintained in a high state of efficiency and the depreciation written off Waterboats and Launch is in accordance with the schedule laid down 3 years ago and is adequate."

"The present market value of our investments is just over H.K.\$100,000 as against the Balance Sheet figure of H.K.\$99,644.75."

"The chairman then moved the adoption of the report and accounts. This was seconded by Mr. M. A. Johnson and was carried unanimously."

on strike. With the inclusion of the Provincial workers, the number of strikers is now 70,000.—Trans-Ocean Service.

PASSION WEEK AT  
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Be Rendered

A feast of beautiful music is in store for all who attend St. Andrew's Church at 9 p.m. on Thursday when the choir, augmented for the occasion, are singing parts of Handel's "Messiah" and Dvorak's "At The Foot of the Cross" appropriate to the season.

Bach's settings of chorale melodies which were old even in his day, are among the most perfect examples of contrapuntal and harmonic writing in existence. Two of these are included in the programme.

The recital, which will entail about an hour's music, will also include solos from the works mentioned, and with Mr. E. S. G. Kirk, Mrs. Helen Lockhart and Mr. P. H. Billing as the principal artists, sympathetic renderings are assured. A feature of the programme is the inclusion of one of the boy-chorists, Master F. Lapsley, who will sing the treble section of the aria, "He Shall Feed His Flock."

## 70,000 ON STRIKE

Critical Situation  
At Barcelona

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Barcelona, To-day.  
The announcement that the 50,000 metal workers of the Catalan Metal Works would resume work seems to have been premature.

When representatives of the workers and the employers met last Monday night to sign the agreement reached after considerable discussion, it was suddenly announced that the employers had refused to sign the draft agreement.

The workers thereupon declared that the strike would be continued, and that the Provincial workers would likewise go





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**SOVIET PERFECTS ITS WAR-MACHINE**

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Morally, the Red conscript is a relatively happy warrior, subjected to an iron but not vexatious discipline, although the system of training is quite as rigid as in the old Tsarist army, and there seems to be little of that easy interplay between officers and men which characterises the British Army. His officer is now largely protected against political intrigue and police pressure — the seamy side of the Soviet as of most other new regimes.

**Hungry Civilians**

Red officers have just been granted the further protection of a proper military status with fixed ranks and a regular system of promotion. They cannot be cashiered except by the verdict of a court-martial, confirmed by Voroshilov himself, while the new Red Marshals can only be degraded by a decree of the Council of People's Commissars. Their new uniforms, which also add to their self-confidence, have clear badges of rank distinguishing them from the political officers (half atheist padres, half policemen) attached to them.

Fixed ranks and smart uniforms were found to be desirable, in part because the French and Czech generals, who are now beginning to visit the Red Army Staff, did not take acting ranks seriously or respect carelessly dressed officers.

Materially, no other army enjoys such favourable living conditions by comparison with the civilian population — beautiful holiday palaces on the Black Sea Riviera and the Caucasian Mountains, playing fields, clubs, theatres, flats for officers, dining halls for the men. In lean years Red conscripts are often caught selling their surplus bread to hungry civilians. In less lean years these material distinctions are deliberately maintained because Stalin, like his master Lenin, has digested Machiavelli's teaching that all militant dictatorships must always go on contriving new artificial means of favouring the soldiery.

**Material And Men**

Perhaps more than any other governing group in the world, the Russian Bolsheviks suffer from "spyonitis."

All the same, to intimidate Russia's enemies, impress possible allies, and justify at home the colossal sacrifices made, Soviet leaders are now more inclined to give information about the state of Russian armaments — but only percentages of increase, not absolute figures.

In the four years 1931-34, Marshal Tukhachevski told the last Soviet Congress, the number of tankettes increased by 2,475 per cent, light tanks by 760 p.c., medium tanks by 792 p.c., heavy artillery by 240 p.c., anti-tank guns by 450 p.c., machine-guns for tanks and aeroplanes by 330 p.c., submarines by 535 p.c. The growth of Russian armament in 1935 has certainly been even faster. And the quality of arms and ammuni-



Jean Parker is in the United Artists' production, "The Three Live Ghosts," which will be shown at the King's Theatre soon.

tion is just as certainly improving with the new factories getting into their stride.

The already immense War Budget of 1935 has actually been doubled for 1936 to reach the astronomical figure of 14.8 thousand million roubles, or \$592,000,000 at the latest official rate of exchange.

**Under Arms**

By the end of 1935 Russia already had 1,300,000 men under arms. This figure, which I quote from Marshal Tukhachevski's speech on Jan. 15, included all men actually serving in the Army, Air Force and Navy, but not the specially selected O.G.P.U. troops, who number at least another 120,000.

Moreover, the proportion of fully-trained effectives daily increases. On Jan. 1 over 77 per cent of the Red Army's total strength was already serving in fully-trained Regular Divisions "approximately on a war footing." The remaining 23 per cent were still receiving short-term training only in local Territorial Divisions.

Russia probably now has at least 6,000,000 men of military age who have done at least two years' full conscript service, without counting the millions lightly trained in Territorial Divisions or the many millions more taught to shoot and march by the official League for Aviation and Chemical Defence (Osoaviakhim). However, manpower was never a problem for this great country.

Nevertheless, the Red Army is by no means ready to attempt an offensive war against a first-class power like Germany or Japan, even if Stalin wished to wage one, which he certainly does not. The general cultural level of the new officers, drawn from Russia's still primitive working-class and therefore leaving school for factory at the average age of 15, is still too low, although enormous efforts are being made to polish them up.

**In Charge Of Defence**

Railway communications are still too poor. The general organisation of the country is still too primitive. The policy of conciliating the downtrodden peasantry has not yet gone far enough. Any policy of adventure might well lead to disagreeable surprises.

But on the defensive — its action based on the new system of highly fortified points along the frontiers — the Red Army will be very formidable indeed. Even in their chronically ill-equipped past, Russian soldiers always fought well on their own soil.

A single Commissariat for Defence with a single General Staff will be in charge of the combined operations of the Army, Air Force and Fleet. And Defence Commissar Voroshilov has under him a small number of gifted officers, trained in the old Imperial Staff College, capable of making a co-ordinated plan for their combined action on the defensive.

His dual position as Commander-in-Chief and key member of the tiny dictating group gives him power enough to impose the plan of campaign. He considers best, and first call on all the resources of the country for its execution.

**Large-Scale Raiding**

Judging by the autumn's big manoeuvres near Kiev, the Red Army's chief contribution to the art of war is large-scale raiding behind enemy lines by the use of a co-ordinated plan for their combined action on the defensive.

**HONG KONG MARU DUE TO-MORROW**

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Named after the Colony, the s.s. Hong Kong Maru of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will arrive here to-morrow morning on her maiden voyage from Keelung, Formosa. She is to replace the s.s. Hozan Maru on the Canton-Hong Kong-Swallow-Amoy-Keelung run.

This new vessel was built in the Mitsubishi Jukogyo Kaisha Dockyard at Kobe, and was completed on March 20. On April 5 she sailed from Keelung, and was scheduled to arrive in the local harbour this morning, but, according to a cablegram received from Amoy yesterday by the O.S.K. officials, the ship has been delayed by heavy rains and will arrive here to-morrow morning, when she will berth at the O.S.K.'s newly constructed wharf opposite Messrs. Sincere and Company, Limited, Connaught Road, West.

Commencing from Sunday, this new ship will maintain the weekly Sunday service from Hong Kong to Keelung with the s.s. Canton Maru, and, providing there is sufficient traffic the displaced Hozan Maru will be placed on the same route to take up a mid-week service to Keelung, leaving the Colony on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

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of a bombing raid. If the parachutists succeed in occupying favourable ground, this is followed up by more 'planes actually landing with mechanised infantry and light tanks. Thus a swift mechanised unit plays havoc in the enemy's rear, while cavalry, tanks and mechanised infantry undertake mass shock action in co-operation with special air squadrons attached to the cavalry in an attempt to break through his front.

All this is clear from the official manoeuvres film called "Battle for Kiev," publicly exhibited in Moscow. But such tactics, however suited to the vast open spaces of Western Ukraine, would hardly do in say, Flanders.

This film also shows the brilliant use the Russians are now making of camouflage. Their machine-gun and anti-tank gun pits are invisible until you are right on top of them.

**Staged Battle**

On the other hand, they send massed cavalry charging, hopelessly exposed, across open plains like Balaklava. Marshal Budienny, former N.C.O. and Bolshevik "Murat," may have brought off such coups against half-trained Poles and the typhus-stricken debris of the White Armies in 1920, but he had better not try it against any first-class military power.

These Kiev manoeuvres showed that the Russian staff could stage a battle of movement in which perhaps three army corps and a couple of mechanised divisions, a thousand tanks and several hundred aeroplanes were engaged (a considerable but not enormous force when it was a staged battle; not manoeuvres in our sense of the word, but a carefully rehearsed tactical display with nothing unforeseen about it).

Four cases of smallpox (with three deaths), five of diphtheria (with four deaths), one (imported) of scarlet fever, five (two imported) of enteric fever (with two deaths), and 12 of cerebrospinal fever (with seven deaths) were reported to the Health authorities during the week ended April 4. During the 24 hours ended on Monday two cases each of smallpox and diphtheria and one of enteric fever were reported.

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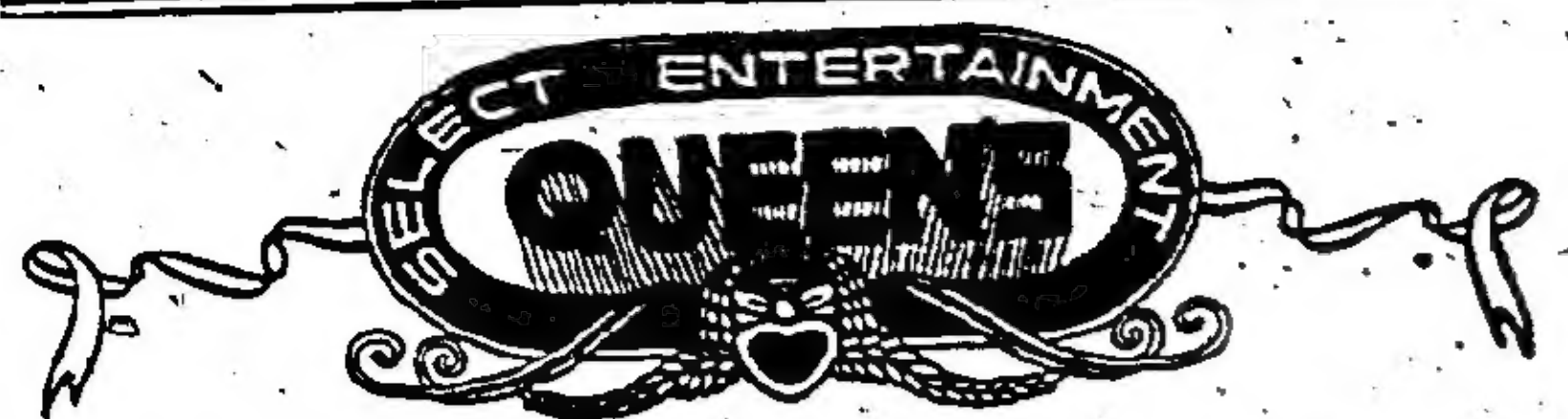
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### PRISON SENTENCES FOR THREE

Four unemployed Chinese, Ng Chiu-chun, alias Ng Yau-chung, aged 27, Lee Sam-tai, aged 35, Lee Kam-hop, aged 50, and Chau Man, alias Ng Tai-nam, appeared before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with detaining a child under the age of 14 years.

The third defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge, while the first, second and fourth defendants admitted the charge. Sergeant Cashman prosecuting, said that at 8 p.m. on Monday last, the first defendant was arrested and taken to Central Police Station for interrogation.

The girl, it appeared, was brought down from Swatow without the consent of her parents. At about 4.15 p.m. on March 24, the first defendant took the girl from the front entrance of her home in Fook Hing Road, Swatow, and the same night boarded a ship for Hong Kong. On arrival in the Colony they went to No. 209 Des Voeux Road, West, where they remained for four days, the girl occupying the rear cubicle. She was then taken to a house in Moh Fung Street.

An amah, who was Sergeant Cashman's main witness, was brought to the Moh Fung Street House to see the child and to try and find a buyer but she declined to have anything to do with the deal. There was no evidence against the third and fourth defendants except that the cubicle was rented by the former. Sgt. Cashman asked His Worship to take a very serious view of the case, and said that the child could safely be placed in the hands of a relative who had come to the Colony, the child's father, who was a Police Inspector at Swatow, being unable to obtain the leave.

His Worship discharged the third defendant, but sentenced

## CROWN PRINCE IN RESCUE PARTY

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RELENTLESS PURSUIT  
Rome: War bulletin No. 178 states: "Our troops are hard on the heels of the enemy, who are retreating towards Cobbo. The Abyssinian rearguard was repulsed and scattered on Monday by an Eritrean column. Cleaning-up operations were continued, in the course of which considerable war material was found, and also a radio station and many motor vehicles."

### Appeal By Negus To Ethiopian Youth

Addis Ababa: The Negus issued a proclamation to the whole Abyssinian nation yesterday afternoon, calling on all men capable of military duty to go to the front immediately in order to support the army in its resistance to the enemy attack. The proclamation goes on to say that through the assistance of all Abyssinia's power, the Government will be put in a position to resist the aggressor, who has been branded throughout the world as being in the wrong by the judgment of the League of Nations.

### Significant Exchange Of Notes

Rome: A highly significant exchange of notes has taken place between Rome and Cairo. An Italian note, signed by Signor the first accused, to one year's hard labour and the second and fourth accused to six months' hard labour each.

#### Child Sold

Yeung Li, aged 51, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to a prohibitive transaction on one Hui So-ha, aged under 12, for a valuable consideration. Inspector Andrews prosecuted.

## "MICKEY MOUSE" ON TRIAL

Streamlined Train In  
Germany

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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL  
Hamburg, To-day.

A "double decker streamlined train" is the newest innovation of the Germany Railways. This time it is one of the few private railway companies in Germany, the Luebeck-Buechener Railway, which is responsible for the new construction.

Such double-decker trains are not unknown, having been used in Germany and being still in use in some other countries for suburban traffic. But this is the first time that such a train has been used in the express service, the new train having a maximum speed capacity of 80 m.p.h.

The train will be on the section Hamburg-Luebeck-Travemuende, a distance of 64 kilometers, which will be covered in 60 minutes, with a 2-minute halt at Luebeck.

The "Mickey Mouse," as the train has been nicknamed by the workers, fulfilled all expectations on its trial run yesterday, easily attaining a speed of 80 miles an hour.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Suvich, was handed to the Egyptian Government yesterday, stating that the Italian Government would under no circumstances undertake anything to jeopardise Egyptian interests.

It will be remembered that a similar note was handed to the British Government about British interests in Lake Tsana some time London.—Trans-Ocean Service.

UNDER TAKING GIVEN  
London: The British Ambassador in Rome, Sir Eric Drummond, who on Monday saw the Italian Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Signor Suvich, received an assurance that the Italian Government were mindful of the undertakings previously given, that the Italian Air Force would not bomb Addis Ababa and Dire-dawa.—British Wireless Service.

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